WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A refrigerant recovery device comprising:

a refrigerant recovery tank which stores an activated carbon for adsorbing a refrigerant,

wherein the recovery tank is equipped with a detachable cap, and the activated carbon is wrapped in unwoven cloth finer than a grain diameter of the activated carbon, and stored in the recovery tank.

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A refrigerant recovery method comprising:
 connecting the refrigerant recovery device of claim
to a refrigeration circuit; and

vacuuming a gas in a refrigerant recovery tank to discharge the gas before a refrigerant of the refrigeration circuit is recovered.

- 3. The refrigerant recovery method according to claim 2, wherein a filter of unwoven cloth finer than a grain diameter of an activated carbon is arranged on a path of the vacuuming.
- 4. The refrigerant recovery method according to claim 2 or 3, wherein a refrigerant is a low boiling point gas refrigerant or a mixture of a low boiling point gas refrigerant and a liquefied refrigerant which has a boiling point higher than that of the gas refrigerant.